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COLLECTION OF A TOLL ON A MOVING BODY

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PETITION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 (a) (3)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I. Petition Request/Remarks

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.78 (a)(3) and in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed September 7, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the present petition to correct the claim of priority for the above-identified application.

U.S. Patent Application No. 09/819,827 was filed on March 29, 2001, claiming priority under 35 U.S.C. § 365(e) to PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/05580 filed on October 8, 1999.

The intent to file this application as a continuation is evidenced by the Application Transmittal Sheet, Item #14 and by the Application Cover Sheet, which identifies this application as a continuing application and incorporates the contents of the parent application by reference. Copies of these papers are attached.

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Upon review of the application in preparation for issuance, Applicants discovered that the statement in the specification identifying this application as a continuation had been inadvertently omitted at the time of filing. Submission of this statement was unintentionally delayed. By this Petition, Applicants are requesting correction and update of the priority information to reflect the original intention of Applicants that this application is a continuation of the parent PCT application under 35 U.S.C. § 365(c) and § 120.

II. Requirement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.78(a)(3)(I)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3)(I), Applicants have submitted herewith an amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 to correct and update the claim of priority in the specification. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment.

III. Requirement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3)(II)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3)(ii), the Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge the required fee of 37 C.F.R. §1.17(t), \$1,370, to the undersigned's firm's deposit account, 03-3975, under order no. 041194/0279165.

IV. Requirement of 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3)(III)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(3)(iii) and in view of the recently discovered error, the Applicants, through their attorney, submit and state that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 C.F.R. §1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim was completed by submitting the identification to the specification was unintentional.

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V. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request a favorable decision on this present petition.

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